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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the
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U.S. Patent No. 5,496,275.

U.S. Patent No. 5,759,191.

Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-19216. A discussion of relevance
of this document is set forth on pages three and four of the present application.

U.S. Patent No. 4,955,895.

European Patent Application No. 0 992 260.

Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-118187. This document discloses
techniques of connecting together an inner tube and an outer tube. The techniques include

using a thermally shrinkable tube, carrying out a thermal fusion bonding method which provides an adhesive member between the tubes, using an adhesive and a fusion bonding method.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents are enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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